

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Page 1, replace the title beginning at line 2 with the following new title:

**--METHOD FOR FORMATTING OPTICAL INFORMATION
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM
FORMATTED BY THE METHOD--**

Page 1, between the title and "**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**", cancel the previous amendment and replace it with the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

-- This application is a division of copending U.S. patent application No. 09/589,792 filed June 8, 2000, now abandoned.--

Page 4, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following new heading and new paragraph:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

--The single Figure is a highly simplified and diagrammatic view of an example of apparatus for formatting a phase-change optical disk for use in the present invention.--